



Federal Legislative Activities - Week of February 2, 2015

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of February 2, 2015, below.

Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity

Monday, February 2nd

2:00 | House meets for legislative business. Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

[H.R. 361](#) – Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act. Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities, including the development and maintenance of an initial pharmaceutical stockpile, including medical kits, and diagnostics sufficient to protect first responders, their families, immediate victims, and vulnerable populations from a chemical or biological event.

[H.R. 623](#) – Social Media Working Group Act of 2015. Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) a social media working group (the Group) to provide guidance and best practices to the emergency preparedness and response community on the use of social media technologies before, during, and after a terrorist attack or other emergency.

4:00 | Senate convenes and will consider:

[H.R. 203](#) – Clay Hunt SAV (Suicide Prevention for American Veterans) Act. This bill directs the VA to have an independent third party conduct annual evaluations of the VA's mental health care and suicide prevention programs. It also establishes a pilot program for loan repayments of psychiatrists who agree to serve in the department's Veterans Health Administration, as well as a pilot program to assist veterans transitioning from active duty and improve their access to mental health services.

Tuesday, February 3rd

10:00 | House Committee on Ways and Means Hearing: President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposal with U.S. Department of the Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew

10:00 | House T&I Hearing: How the Changing Energy Markets Will Affect U.S. Transportation

10:00 | Senate Budget Committee Hearing: President's Proposed Budget Request for FY16.

10:00 | Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Hearing: No Child Left Behind, focusing on innovation to meet the needs of students.

11:00 | House Committee on the Judiciary Hearing: Examining the Adequacy and Enforcement of Our Nations Immigration Laws

12:00 | House meets for legislative business.

[H.R. 596](#) – To repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and for other purposes (Subject to a Rule)

(Sponsored by Rep. Bradley Byrne / Energy and Commerce Committee / Education and the Workforce Committee / Ways and Means Committee / Judiciary Committee / Natural Resources Committee / Rules Committee / House Administration Committee / Appropriations Committee / Budget Committee)

2:00 | House Committee on Homeland Security Markup: A Review of Access Control Measures at Our Nations Airports.

Wednesday, February 4th

9:30 AM Senate Armed Services Hearing: Nomination of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Defense

10:00 | House meets for legislative business.

[H.R. 50](#) – Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015. States as the purposes of this Act to: (1) improve the quality of the deliberations of Congress with respect to proposed federal mandates by providing Congress and the public with more complete information about the effects of such mandates and by ensuring that Congress acts on such mandates only after focused deliberation on their effects; and (2) enhance the ability of Congress and the public to identify federal mandates that may impose undue harm on consumers, workers, employers, small businesses, and state, local, and tribal governments.

10:00 | House T&I and Senate EPW Joint Committee Hearing: Impacts of the Proposed Waters of the United States Rule on State and Local Governments

10:00 | House Committee on the Judiciary Hearing: H.R. [\(TBD\)](#) the Legal Workforce Act

10:00 | House Committee on Education and the Workforce Hearing: "Expanding Opportunity in America's Schools and Workplaces"

10:00 | House Committee on Financial Services Hearing: Hearing entitled "Exploring Alleged Ethical and Legal Violations at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"

10:00 | Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Hearing: Deferred Action on Immigration - Focusing on Implications and Unanswered Questions

Thursday, February 4th

9:00 | House meets for legislative business.

[H.R. 527](#) – Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015, Rules Committee Print (Subject to a Rule) (Sponsored by Rep. Steve Chabot / Judiciary Committee)

10:00 AM House Committee on Energy and Commerce Hearing: [H.R. 212](#) the Drinking Water Protection Act

10:00 AM Senate Finance Committee Hearing: President's Proposed Budget Request for FY16